

**State of California
Department of Parks and Recreation**

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Office of Planning and Research
1400 Tenth Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

FROM: Department of Parks and Recreation
750 Hearst Castle Rd
San Simeon, CA 93452

PROJECT TITLE: Grove Riparian Restoration

LOCATION: Morro Bay State Park

COUNTY: San Luis Obispo

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT:

The project will restore an intermittent drainage on the east-side of Black Hill at Morro Bay State Park by removing invasive cape ivy and dead vegetation and by planting native willows. In the approximately 1000 feet long and 60 feet wide project area, work will:

- Using hand crews, remove at least 85% of the downed or dead eucalyptus branches and rounds from the project area and stockpile for decomposition, chipping, burning or removal.
- Using hand crews, remove at least 50% of the invasive Cape ivy in the project area and stockpile on site for decomposition.
- Install erosion control devices such as straw waddles or willow fascines every 50 feet up the drainage to slow runoff and soil degradation.
- Plant up to 100 willow poles or shoots in the low lying wetland adjacent to State Park Road.

PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING THE PROJECT: California Department of Parks and Recreation

NAME OF DIVISION OR DISTRICT CARRYING OUT THE PROJECT: San Luis Obispo Coast District

EXEMPT STATUS:

☒ Categorical Exemption Class: 4, 33 Section: 15304, 15333

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT:

Project consists of minor public alterations in the condition of land and vegetation which does not include the removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees except for forestry purposes, included as "resource management projects" in the Department of Parks and Recreation's list of exempt activities in accordance with CCR §15300.4 and the project does not exceed five acres in size to assure the maintenance, restoration, enhancement or protect of habitat for fish, plants or wildlife.

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